

MINUTES

California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)

Date: February 16, 2006 Time: 9:30–11:30 am
Location: Resources Agency, 15th floor, Room 1506–12
Lead: Kay Antunez
Note taker: Tina Muncie
Facilitator: Zori Lozano-Friedrich



In Attendance:

Kate DiRanna-The Walt Disney Company (phone)
Laurie Monserrat-Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (phone)
Bobbie Winn-Department of Fish and Game
Vanessa Byrd-Department of Toxic Substances Control
Sue Sims, Department of Water Resources (representing the Resources Agency)
Phaedra Bota, Department of Boating and Waterways
Kirstin Hill, California Conservation Corps
Andrea Lewis, CA EPA
Theresa Bober, CIWMB
Carolyn Tucker, Department of Water Resources
Ed Wong, Air Resources Board
Phil Lafontaine, Department of Education
Donna Pozzi, State Parks
Celeste Royer, CREEC/Department of Education
Zori Lozano-Friedrich, State Water Resources Control Board
Kay Antunez, Department of Forestry & Fire Protection
Tina Muncie, Department of Conservation

AGENDA

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| 1. | Check-in and Catch-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome & Introductions• Review Agenda• Approve Minutes• Update Outstanding Action Items• Distribute "What's New in Your World" | Kay Antunez | Agenda, January minutes, and action items distributed. Minutes approved as written. Action items reviewed and modified. She has not received any "What's New in Your World"; but if you have anything, please use form and email to Tina |
| 2. | Committee Reports Administration & Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member roster• Meeting sign-up sheet | Phaedra | Phaedra passed around a copy of the updated roster and asked that everyone check it for accuracy and that new members add their information. She will send the most recent version and also will send the sign up sheet for meeting coverage; Kay requested that members from Agency please step up to the plate and claim empty spots on the sign up sheet. |
| | Leadership and Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education and the Environment Initiative Update | Andrea | Andrea: the RFP is out and people are expressing interest. Will be \$500k for a two-year period. Still working out the details with DOE for contracting with the writers; they are looking at Universities and |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Education Bills of interest | Phil | <p>plan on having a consultant on board by March 6; if anyone knows of writers who would be interested please forward her the contact information. CIWMB has received a USEPA grant for \$92k to conduct in-depth planning for model curriculum with environmental entities. The new Board chair has been briefed on recent Heal the Bay event and their involvement with environmental education. AB 1940 (Nunes, Grants for schools to start garden programs)- there was a question that this may be for formal education. Kay would like more information. Phil will follow-up. Phil brought handouts: CDE legislation to watch and proposed legislation, and Developing Highly Qualified Teachers and Administrators Initiative white paper, which can be found at the CDE web site; recommends that all CEEIN members read the white paper. CDE hiring EE consultant by June 1; they still have funding for CREEC and working with EPA on implementation of AB 1548. AB 472: trying to move into science and social science for professional development. Torkleson to sponsor teacher/mentor training; RFA due next week; they are updating the math and science literature list through July, if you have any recommendations (high quality) please send. The literature submittal form is not at CDE web site, but he will send out via Kay (and the handouts as well). The President's Award nominations deadline for teachers of math and science is May 1. He thanked Celeste for representing CDE at CEEIN.</p> |
| | Diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update – Sierra Club partnership CABE conference exhibit sign-up | Vanessa and Kay | <p>Vanessa brought several maps plotted with GIS; 2003/04 JCEC involvement, and of schools and some of their demographics (such as ethnicity in the Bay Area, per capita income of Northern California with partner school overlaid). She will give a more in-depth presentation at March meeting. CABE: Kay has received information from interested members. GASET to be a sponsor. Conference could be a day trip; has a good diverse audience, and will feature school districts that are recruiting new teachers. If you have materials please don't send to conference, she can take some, is requesting bi-lingual materials especially, they should be geared towards teachers and parents; should contact her and send by February 24. She is working with the Strand, and would like a report from GSEC soon. Sierra Club: the conference call never worked out, Martin LeBlanc needs to send information.</p> |

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| | Environmentality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JCEC update | Kate DiRanna Sue Sims | Kate is working to get an education products-line featuring Jiminy Cricket on the web site that can be ordered; would like to work with Andrea on legislation; has had 1 sheet printed for CABE and bracelets; the K-12 Alliance uses JCEC as example at CSTA presentations. The Environmentality deadline is soon, K-12 Alliance judging in preliminary rounds. The judging should be consistent and clean. The final judging will be March 20-21, she is inviting all CEEIN members to participate—will send out an email invite, and will use it for assessment of member interest in participation. Interested members will need to commit to two full days of judging, they will be critiquing all of the top 15 projects for consistency. Using a brand new Rubik and calibration in the judging. The announcement luncheon is March 23 rd , to be held at the second floor of Cal EPA bldg. The awards will be held on May 4 th and 5 th , please mark your calendars! Ed commented that the blurbs in the local newspapers regarding the awards were very helpful. Kay asked about the CEEIN web site, there is nothing listed for 2005 meeting history; she will follow up with Laurie. Also, the accomplishments still say draft, but are they? Zori will follow up with Tom. |
| | Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEEIN brochure reprint Display Unit for CABE CSTA presentations | Tina and Phaedra Carolyn Ed | Tina reported that DOC has budgeted \$3,863 towards the brochures. Phaedra will research the additional funding needed, and volunteered to contact the printer on the exact pricing and separate bills. Kay noted that we need to have 10k brochures published. Carolyn brought handouts for new exhibit. Her program absorbed the costs. Ed discussed the strand for EEI, it will be a benchmark for all other EEI presentations. Andrea will talk about EEI and there might be a panel to answer questions. The proposed EEI strand is Environment and Education, and proposals had to be submitted this week for consideration—Celeste to email Ed her proposal. |
| 3. | Guest Speaker | Jamie Holt and Kathy Coulter | Jamie is the Public Education Administrator of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and Chair of with California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) Public Outreach Committee. Kathy is with the Yolo/Solano Air Management District. There are 35 air quality agencies in CA, San Joaquin is the largest with regards to area, Los Angeles the largest with regards to population; both often tie for the worst air quality in the State. Works with all AQ agencies statewide to leverage resources and strengthen ideas. Public education outreach has included a youth DVD and |

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| | | | theatre presentations to grades 3-5 “Who Let the Smog Out?; Spare the Air; Lawn Mower Exchange Program; Wintertime Burning Curtailment Program; Youth Outreach, which entails teacher training, stipends, and a education kit; Environmental Justice Initiatives, including bilingual outreach materials (and web site information); as well as general AQ knowledge. Their partnerships rely heavily on ARB and Cal EPA for technical support and staff knowledge. The featured Power Point presentation on outreach in different AQ districts can be emailed to those interested. |
| 4. | Additional Comments | | Kay would like Sandy Funky from Golden State Env. Consortium in as a speaker in a few months. |
| 5. | What’s New In Your World? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements (Major) | | Vanessa: has a large inventory of posters that could be used as book covers to move out of her Dept’s warehouse by end of fiscal. They are HHW themed, has about 10k to find a home for, please consider taking an amount to events. Phil mentioned that there is a clearinghouse for these kinds of materials, RAFT (Resource Area for Teachers)—they have a web site and he will forward ph#. Nita will be attending the Go Green Initiative summit, will be spearheading IPW discussion with recycling, environmental education and school gardens on March 30. |
| 6. | Meeting Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> |

Meeting Evaluation Summary

Overall rating: 4.6 (based on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being high)

What went well:

- Connections were made.
- Well organized, with lots of information. Great to have Phil LaFontaine at the meeting.
- Guest speaker was great. More guest speakers needed.
- Good presentation from Air folks – good to hear from them.
- Great updates from everyone.
- Stayed on time!
- Great presentation from CAPCOA. Excellent participation and staying on time.
- Good meeting – covered lots of material and well managed.
- Well done, timely.
- Lead and facilitator kept us on track.
- Very interesting, speakers with very helpful info!
- Good information.

General Comment:

- Seemed rushed

| Person | Action Item | Due Date |
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| Teresa | When available, send the CEEIN members list of the NGO Outreach workshop dates/locations | Ongoing |
| All | Let Kay know if you want to participate in the CABE conference | ASAP |
| Kay | Confirm with members who previously volunteered to participate the CABE conference | ASAP |
| Kate | Send email to CEEIN members soliciting participation in the March 20/21 judging sessions | ASAP |
| Phil | Send Kay (electronically) the handout he distributed at the meeting and she will distribute to the group | ASAP |
| All | Let Bobbie know if you want to support/participate in CEEIN organized hands-on activity at the 2006 State Fair | ASAP |
| Celeste | Send Ed copy of the CREEC proposal for CSTA | ASAP |
| All | If you have some points you'd like Nita to include in her presentation for the GGI Summit, send along to her | ASAP |
| All | Check calendars for you and your dept rep to attend CEEIN luncheon on March 23. Also verify on your calendars that you have May 4-5 Disneyland event. | ASAP |
| Kay | Follow-up with Laurie re: the missing 2005 "history" on the website | ASAP |
| Zori | Follow-up with Tom to ensure he sent Laurie the "final" accomplishments report and that it is posted to the web site (current document on the website is marked DRAFT) | ASAP |

Parking Lot:

Invite Sandi Funky to future meeting; she is with Golden State Env Ed Consortium.